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Letter dated 15 September 1993 from the Chargé d'affaires a.i. of the Permanent Mission of Yugoslavia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

I have the honour to transmit, enclosed herewith, the text of a letter from His Excellency Dr. Radoje Kontic, Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, addressed to you (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the text of the present letter and its annex circulated as an official document of the General Assembly, under item 79 of the provisional agenda and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Dragomir DJOKIC
Ambassador
Chargé d'affaires a.i.

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ANNEX

Letter dated 15 September 1993 from the Prime Minister of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia to the Secretary-General

We have been greatly perturbed and preoccupied by the latest, totally unprovoked armed aggression of the Republic of Croatia against the United Nations Protected Areas.

This second major military offensive of the Republic of Croatia against those areas has dealt another heavy and serious blow to the Vance Plan and has demonstrated the lack of readiness on the part of the Republic of Croatia to resolve all outstanding questions concerning this plan through peaceful and political means.

By openly violating once again the Vance Plan, the Republic of Croatia challenges the authority of the United Nations and the presence of the peace-keeping forces in the protected areas. I wish to remind you, Mr. Secretary-General, that on the basis of the Vance Plan and during its adoption by the Security Council, the United Nations have undertaken to guarantee peace and security to the entire population in the protected areas. We are confident that the Republic of Croatia would not have resorted to this act of armed aggression, had the United Nations more forcefully and consistently insisted that the obligations contained in the Security Council resolution 802, on unconditional withdrawal from all territories taken by military aggression of 22 January 1993, be honored by the Republic of Croatia.

The armed action of the Republic of Croatia against the protected areas does not threaten only peace and security in those areas but the whole peace process embarked upon in Geneva concerning the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina. Namely, the worsening of the situation in the protected areas would undoubtedly adversely affect the atmosphere and the course of the Geneva peace process in regard to the crisis in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

As Prime Minister of the State that co-signed the Vance Plan, I officially appeal to you to use all your authority and influence, through urgent actions by the Security Council, to bring about immediate and unconditional withdrawal of the Croatian Army forces from the three villages occupied by the latest aggression. That would create conditions for reaching the agreement on absolute cease-fire and cessation of hostilities, that the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia firmly supported and actively endeavored for in all contacts with the officials of the Republic of Croatia and the representatives of UNPROFOR.

The Federal Republic of Yugoslavia supports the Vance Plan and is interested in having it honored and adhered to by all. We therefore consider that the latest aggression on the protected areas by the Republic of Croatia must not come in the way of the extension of the UNPROFOR's mandate for the forthcoming period. I am confident that this is the position of the United Nations as well. Failure to extend the mandate would offset the past positive results of the UNPROFOR's presence and jeopardize the chances for finding a political solution.

(Signed) Dr. Radoje Kontic